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(57) Abstract: An automated system and method for the selection and procurement of products and services by at least one customer from one or more of a plurality of merchants over a general purpose computer network, such as the Internet. The method comprises the steps of: transmitting information about a plurality of products/services offered for sale by each of a plurality of merchants to a database; and organizing the transmitted information for each of the plurality of products/services into a hierarchical categorization in the database based upon a predefined set of categories such that all of the transmitted information for each of the plurality of products/services offered for sale by each of the plurality of merchants is organized in the database in a similar manner. Because of such hierarchical categorization of the database, a customer can perform one search for a desired product/service from the transmitted information for the plurality of merchants and compare the transmitted information from each of the plurality of merchants.

AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTION AND PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

5 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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The invention relates to an automated system and method for the selection and procurement of products and services.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Information technology now allows prospective customers to review information about available products and/or services and procure them from suppliers on a real-time, cost-effective and more competitive basis than traditional paper and telephone-based acquisition processes. The sale and purchase of products and services via automated processes utilizing information technologies is sometimes referred to as "electronic commerce."

Over recent years, many merchants seeking to take advantage of the potential efficiencies of electronic commerce now sell their products and/or services over the Internet in an effort to capitalize on the increased prospective buyer access that the Internet provides. Many such merchants provide a listing or catalog of their available products and services and additional information about such products and/or services such as price, model number, color, etc. on a World Wide Web site for easy access for prospective customers. Prospective customers can use this information to make informed decisions about whether to purchase the products and/or services being offered via the web site.

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Notwithstanding this rush to the Internet by the business community, commercial use of the Internet has not met the anticipated potential for a number of reasons. Some of these reasons include the perceived lack of security and the lack of user-friendly transaction methods, many of which are not as efficient as desired.

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Because of security concerns, prior electronic procurement systems have been limited to a prospective customer accessing a single merchant web site at a time to ensure the integrity of a secure purchase session. The necessity of completing independent purchase transactions with a plurality of merchants, particularly where items desired by a prospective customer are subject to comparative selection, presents a significant barrier to the prospective customer's ability to conveniently and efficiently select and purchase products and/or services online.

Another problem encountered with electronic procurement systems has been the inability to develop a system which enables all users of the system, customers and merchants and others, to access and use the procurement system without the need to purchase additional hardware and/or software for compatibility requirements with the procurement system. Many prospective users of such procurement systems have already made substantial investments in their computer systems. Different prospective users' computer systems frequently use different operating systems and different data formats and, thus,

prospective users of an electronic procurement system may experience compatibility problems which hamper their use of such procurement systems.

Additionally, prior electronic procurement systems have been deficient because, when using such prior systems, once a customer has placed an electronic order, there is no means for the customer to confirm receipt of the order by the merchant. Moreover, the customer typically has no means to track the status of the order and obtain information regarding when products ordered will be shipped.

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Yet another deficiency inherent in prior electronic product/service procurement systems is the inability of the parties to a transaction to negotiate the terms and conditions of a particular transaction on a real-time basis online. The prior systems required the customer to either agree to standard predetermined terms and conditions of a merchant for purchase of the merchant's products/services or refrain from making the desired purchase.

Accordingly, there exists a need for an automated system and process for the selection and procurement of products and services which is user-friendly, efficient and which provides for secure transaction processing. Additionally, the need exists for such system to allow customers to perform comparison shopping among products or services being offered by multiple different merchants for procurement of a desired product or service from among those compared which best fulfills the customer's needs. Furthermore, there is a need for such a system to be designed such that there is no requirement that a user of such

system make a significant investment in additional hardware or software in order to use such procurement system. Moreover, there is a need for an automated procurement system to allow parties to a particular transaction to negotiate the terms and conditions for such a transaction on a real-time basis online. There is also a need for an automated procurement system which allows a customer to track the status of an order once the order is placed with a particular merchant on a real-time basis.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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It is, accordingly, an object of the present invention to provide an automated system and method for the selection and procurement of products and services which is easy to use, which enables customers to procure needed products and services in an efficient and cost-effective manner and which provides for secure transaction processing.

It is an additional object of the present invention to provide an automated system and method for the selection and procurement of products and services which allows a customer to perform comparison shopping among products or services being offered by multiple different merchants before purchasing a desired product or service from among those compared which best fulfills the customer's needs.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide an automated system and method for the selection and procurement of products and services which does not require that a user of such system and method purchase

additional hardware or software in order to make use of such system and method.

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Yet another object of the present invention is to provide an automated system and method for the selection and procurement of products and services which enables parties to a particular transaction to negotiate the terms and conditions for such transaction online on a real-time basis.

It is an additional object of the present invention to provide an automated system and method for the selection and procurement of products and services which allows a customer to track the status of an order once the order is placed with a particular merchant on a real-time basis.

Additional objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the description which follows or may be learned by practice of the invention.

To achieve the foregoing objects, and in accordance with the purposes of the invention as embodied and broadly described herein, there is provided an automated method for the selection and procurement of products and services by at least one of a plurality of customers from one or more of a plurality of merchants over a general purpose computer network, comprising the steps of:

a. transmitting information about a plurality of products/services offered for sale by each one of the plurality of merchants via a merchant server to a database stored in a database server over said general purpose computer network;

b. organizing the transmitted information for the plurality of products/services for each of the plurality of merchants into a hierarchical categorization in the

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database, the hierarchical categorization being based upon a predefined set of categories such that the transmitted information for the plurality of products/services is organized in the database in a similar manner for each of the plurality of merchants; c. serving from the host server a web page having a predetermined URL identifying a location of the host server in response to a first access request transmitted by the one of the plurality of customers to the host server via a browser of a customer server for the one of the plurality of customers over the general purpose computer network; d. transmitting a second access request and authorization information from the browser of the customer server of the one of the plurality of customers to the host server over the general purpose computer network, the authorization information identifying a transaction and access approval level for the one of the plurality of customers; e. verifying the authorization information and the transaction and access approval level and transmitting a verification notification from the host server to the browser of the customer server of the one of the plurality of customers via the general purpose computer network; f. transmitting at least one search request from the browser of the customer server of the one of the plurality of customers to the database server, the at least one search request corresponding to one of the predefined set of categories for retrieving information from the database about a desired product/service from the transmitted information for each of the plurality of merchants; g. serving at least one of a plurality of web pages from the database server to the browser of the customer server of the

one of the plurality of customers via the general purpose computer network in response to the at least one search request, the web pages corresponding to retrieved information from the database about the desired product/service for each of the plurality of merchants; h. comparing the retrieved information about the desired product/service for each of the plurality of merchants and selecting one or more of a plurality of products/services from the retrieved information about the desired product/service; i. transmitting a purchase order request from the browser of the customer server of the one of the plurality of customers to the host server via the general purpose computer network if the one of the plurality of customers decides to purchase the one or more selected product/service; j. transmitting a notification of the purchase order request from the host server to the server of the each of the plurality of merchants for each of the one or more selected product/service; and k. transmitting an acceptance of the purchase order request from the server for each of the plurality of merchants for each of the one or more selected product/service to the browser of the customer server of the one of the plurality of customers via the general purpose computer network.

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The automated system for the selection and procurement of products and services by at least one of a plurality of customers from one or more of a plurality of merchants over a general purpose computer network comprises:

a. host server means, connected to the general purpose computer network, for transmitting information to and receiving information from the at least one

customer and the plurality of merchants; b. merchant server means for each of the plurality of merchants, the merchant server means being connected to the host server means via the general purpose computer network, for transmitting information to and receiving information from the host server means; c. customer server means for the one customer, connected to the host server means via the general purpose computer network, for transmitting information and a plurality of search requests to and receiving information from the host server means; and d. database server means, connected to the host server means, for transmitting information to and receiving information from the host server means, the database server means including product/service database storage means for receiving and storing product/service information transmitted by each of the plurality of merchants relating to a plurality of products/services offered for sale by each of the plurality of merchants; and database search engine means for servicing the plurality of search requests transmitted by the one customer via the customer server means over the general purpose computer network to the host server means and to the database server means, the plurality of search requests relating to a desired product/service, and for retrieving the desired product/service information in response to the search

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20 transmitted product/service information of each of the plurality of merchants.

requests, wherein the retrieved desired product/service information is from the

The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate one embodiment of the invention and, together with the description, serve to explain the principles of the invention.

5 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating an automated system for the selection and procurement of products in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIGS. 2A-2E are flow charts illustrating the steps in a method a customer using the automated system will take to access the system and perform searches for desired products/services;

FIGS. 3-41 are sample screen displays illustrating example searches in accordance with the process steps illustrated in FIGS. 2B-2E;

FIG. 42 is a flow chart illustrating the steps for processing a customer's Purchase Order request in accordance with the system and method of the present invention; and

FIG. 43 is a flow chart illustrating the steps for performing a solicited electronic quote process in accordance with the system and method of the present invention.

20 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Reference will now be made in detail to the present preferred embodiment of the invention, an example of which is illustrated in the accompanying

drawings in which like reference characters refer to corresponding elements.

FIG. 1 illustrates an automated system for the selection and procurement of products and services by one of a plurality of customers from one or more of a plurality of merchants over a general purpose computer network in accordance with the present invention. As shown in FIG. 1, the system 100 makes use of a client/server system architecture to conduct transfer protocol connections between client and host server computer systems. System 100 is designed for use by a plurality of classes of potential users including a plurality of potential and actual customers 10, a plurality of merchants 20, a plurality of manufacturers 30, and a plurality of distributors 40. The general purpose computer network may be the Internet 5 or another suitable general purpose computer network.

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In order for the system 100 to support many hundreds of prospective users while maintaining a balance on the load on the system 100, system 100 includes a scalable system architecture 55 comprised of a plurality of clustered multi-server groups and multi-path network layer systems, such as distributed IBM Netfinity 7000 multi-process (network and database) servers. The IBM Netfinity 7000 servers are designed to support approximately 20,000 hits (or unencrypted page queries) per hour and 2000 secure socket layer (SSL) encrypted hits per hour. The system 100 networking infrastructure uses Wide Area Network (WAN) Access switches, such as the cell/packet switches offered by 3Com and CoreBuilder or other similar switches that have the capability to

support voice, data and video transmission in encrypted and unencrypted formats.

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The plurality of potential users may each gain access to the system 100 via a computer having a connection to the Internet 5 through an Internet access provider and by using a traditional Internet browser application such as Netscape 's Navigator™ or Microsoft's Internet Explorer™ that supports the hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP). In order to gain access to system 100, a user merely inputs the Universal Resource Locator (URL) address for the system 100 web site through the Internet 5 to a host server of system 100. The system 100 makes use of various security features 50 such as Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) among the user base, various firewalls to prevent unauthorized access and Internet-based security protocols such as secure socket layers (SSL). The security features 50 require that a user clear various levels of logins and passwords prior to gaining access to the system 100.

System 100 further includes a virtual mall 60 with a storefront for each of a plurality of merchants 20. The automated method used in the present invention begins with the transmission of information about a plurality of products and/or services offered for sale by each one of the plurality of merchants 20 via a merchant server to a database server over the Internet 5.

The database server includes a product/service catalog database 70 for storing product/service catalog information transmitted by each of the plurality of merchants 20 concerning various products and/or services being offered for sale

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by each of the merchants 20. Each merchant 20 may upload its own product/service catalog to the database server. For example, a particular merchant 20 would typically provide a listing of all products/services it offers; a manufacturer, supplier or brand name for each of the products or services; a model or reference number for each product/service used by merchant 20; a listing of colors/styles available and other attributes or characteristics for each particular product, a size(s) of packages(s) available for each particular product; a generic category or department for each particular product; at least one price for each product/service offered; a number of each such product/service in current inventory; a listing of technical information about each product/service; a picture of each product; and other similar information. Each merchant 20 can also input multiple different prices for each product or service. For example, a merchant 20 may want to offer a product for sale to different classes of customers 10 and use different prices for each different class of customers 10. Or, a merchant 20 may want to offer discounted prices at certain periods of time or discounted prices based upon the volume of products purchased by a customer 10. The catalog database 70 will accept multiple prices for a particular product. The product/service catalog database 70 is one unitary database which includes all products/services being offered by the plurality of merchants 20 which are authorized to use system 100 and which have storefronts on the virtual mall 60. In this manner, each individual merchant 20 need not maintain its own product/service database on its own client server

system, thereby freeing up much needed memory and bandwidth on the merchant's server for other applications. Once the product/service catalog database 70 is initially populated, each individual merchant 20 need only send periodic updates to the system 100 database server. Each individual merchant 20 may be relieved from the time and resources it would otherwise utilize to maintain its own product/service catalog database.

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The system 100 product/service catalog database 70 can be maintained and powered by use of the IBM Net.Commerce Pro application, or similar database engine which can support at least 150 separate merchant 20 storefronts. The system 100 product/service catalog database 70 is compatible with the UNIX, IBM OS/390, IBM OS/400 and Windows NT mainframe operating systems.

Once each merchant 20 transmits its own product/service catalog (a merchant 20 subcatalog) information to the system 100 database server, the system 100 administrator configures the merchant 20 subcatalog for input into the unitary product/service catalog database 70. The transmitted information for the plurality of products/services for each of the plurality of merchants 20 is organized in a hierarchical categorization in the catalog database 70 based upon a predefined set of categories such that the transmitted information for the plurality of products/services is organized in the catalog database 70 in a similar manner for each of the plurality of merchants 20. To do this, the catalog database 70 makes use of a fixed taxonomy structure. Each storefront will

have the same hierarchical configuration or categorization. The highest level of categorization within each storefront will be a plurality of generic Groups of products/services such as, for example, automotive products/services, information technology products/services, electronics products/services, etc.

The Groups are then divided into a plurality of Categories or Departments. For example, for the information technology Group, the Categories or Departments could be organized in a way similar to those shown in FIG. 18, including Accessories & Supplies, Education, Memory, Network & Communication, Printed Information, Applications Software, Storage Devices/Enclosures, Chassis,

Enhancement Products, Motherboards, Power Equipment, Printers & Plotters, Communications Software, Telephony, Computers/Terminals, Input Devices, Multifunctional Devices, Premise Wiring & Rack Systems, Services & Agreements, Systems Software and Video Adapters & Displays Categories or

Each Category or Department is then further subdivided into
Subcategories. For example, as shown in FIGS. 18-24, the Accessories &
Supplies Category or Department includes as Subcategories: Cables &
Connectors, Camera Accessories, Carrying Cases, Cases & Covers, CPU
Mounting Kits & Accessories, Desk Accessories, Label Supplies, Floppy Disks,
Optical Disks, Removable Disks, Tape Cartridges, Monitor Accessories,
Notebook Accessories, Other Accessories & Equipment, Paper Supplies, Printer
Accessories, Printer Supplies, Scanner Accessories and Switches & Boxes.

Departments.

Then, each Subcategory is further divided into a plurality of different Products or Services. For example, as shown in FIG. 18, there are 2223 different cables and connector Products in the catalog database 70. Each Product then may have a plurality of different attributes by which it may be described. For example, a specific cable Product may have the attributes of length, color, type of material (e.g., nylon, plastic, rubber, etc.). The next hierarchical level of organization below the Product level in the catalog database 70 is the Item level. For example, for a particular cable Product, the manufacturer of such cable Product may have multiple different Items for such Product based upon different attributes of the Product, e.g., color, length, etc. Because of this fixed taxonomy structure for the catalog database 70, a customer 10 may perform searches across the entire mall 60 for all products/services offered by all merchants 20 within the mall 60. The fact that each merchant 20 inputs products/service catalog information down to the attribute level of detail is what enables customers 10 to have powerful searching capabilities across database 70.

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Following the population and structural configuration of the catalog database 70, as shown in FIG. 2A, a typical customer 10 that wishes to use system 100 will first, in step 210, access a web site portal for system 100 by inputting the web site URL into the customer's Internet browser. The host server of system 100, in response, will serve a web home page of system 100. The home page of system 100 will have hyperlinks to various applications and

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utilities available for use by users of system 100, including a hyperlink to the virtual mall 60. In step 220, upon accessing the home page of the system 100 web site, the customer 10 must first gain approval for entry to the virtual mall 60. The system 100 will first determine whether or not the customer is a firsttime user of system 100. If the query in step 220 is answered affirmatively, then, in step 230, the customer 10 must register with the system 100 administrator to verify the customer 10's authorization level for use of system 100. System 100 then verifies the customer 10's authorization information and the transaction and access approval level and transmits a verification notification from the host server to the browser of the customer server via the Internet 5. For example, if the customer 10 is also a merchant 20, the merchant 20 will only be authorized to shop and view product/service prices at that merchant 20's storefront or at storefronts of other merchants 20 which authorize the merchant 20's access. If the customer 10's only status is as a customer 10, the customer 10 will obtain a registration to shop at any and all storefronts on the mall 60 and will have the ability to view all price data available for the customer 10's specific customer class. If the customer 10 falls within a special customer class for which merchants 20 have special pricing, the customer 10 must establish that he/she falls within the special customer class before he/she will be granted approval to view the special pricing terms. For example, if merchants 20 offer special pricing for government customers 10, then the customer 10 will need to access the mall 60 via a .gov or .mil address and/or

through use of x509 certificates to verify that the customer 10 is a government customer 10. If a particular customer 10 does not register with the system 100 administrator, then, in step 240, the customer 10 may only access each merchant 20's retail pricing information and will not obtain authorization to access the more specialized pricing information. Registration and authorization levels may be further defined as necessary. For example, certain customers 10 may have limited purchasing authority based on a limit on a dollar value of purchases they are authorized to make.

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Once customer 10 is registered for use of the system 100, such customer 10 need not register again upon a subsequent access to the system 100 mall 60. In step 250, once the customer 10 is verified to have authority to access system 100 by the system 100 administrator, the system 100 administrator assigns a unique login id for such customer 10 to use to gain access to system 100 upon subsequent visits to the system 100 mall 60. Thereafter, if the query in step 220 is answered in the negative (meaning that the customer 10 is not a first-time user), then, in step 260, the customer 10 may access the mall 60 from any computer and need not access the mall 60 from a .gov or .mil address, for example. The customer 10 simply inputs the unique login id and is granted access to mall 60.

Once the customer 10 is authorized to access mall 60, in step 270, the customer 10 may then perform searches for a desired product or service. To do this, customer 10 transmits at least one search request relating to at least one

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desired product/service from the browser of the customer server to the host server which then routes it to the database server. The search request corresponds to one of the predefined categories used to arrange the hierarchical structure of the database 70. Database 70 includes database search engine means which services such search requests of customers 10 and retrieves product/service information stored in the database 70 relating to the desired product/service from among the transmitted product/service information from each of the plurality of merchants 20 in response to such search requests. The customer 10 may enter a storefront of a particular merchant 20 or may search across the storefronts of all of the merchants 20 included in the mall 60. In step 280, and as further illustrated in FIG. 3 which shows the screen display for the home page of mall 60, customer 10 may perform product/service searches by inputting a search query which defines a desired product/service by Category or Department, or by Manufacturer or supplier name (e.g., IBM, Compaq). For example, as shown in FIG. 2B, if customer 10 wanted to perform a search by manufacturer name in step 280, such customer 10 would click on the "Manufacturer" button (shown in FIG. 3). In response to the search request, the database search engine means will search the transmitted product/service information stored in database 70 for each of the plurality of merchants 20, retrieve such product/service information as meets the search request parameters, transmit the retrieved product/service information via the database server to the host server of system 100 wherein the host server transmits the

information to the customer 10's server via the Internet 5. The customer 10's server then serves at least one web page corresponding to the retrieved product/service information about the desired product/service. For example, in response to customer 10's search request in step 280, a web page such as the screen display shown in FIG. 4 would be served. In step 281, customer 10 would then search for the specific manufacturer of the desired product/service by clicking on the button with the first letter of the manufacturer's name. For example, if customer 10 wanted to purchase a computer workstation manufactured by Compaq, customer 10 would click on the "C" button shown in FIG. 4. The catalog database 70 search engine would perform a search across all storefronts on the mall 60 and all transmitted product/service information stored in the database 70 for the plurality of products/services offered by each of the plurality of merchants 20 for all listings with a manufacturer/supplier name beginning with the letter "C." Customer 10 would then be served a series of web pages, such as those shown in FIGS. 5 to 9, showing all products/services manufactured/supplied by manufacturers/suppliers with names beginning with a "C" that are available for purchase in the mall 60 regardless of the merchant 20 offering such products/services. In step 282, the customer 10 would then click on the button for the product desired, "COMPAQ WORKSTATIONS". Web pages such as those shown in FIGS. 10 to 16 are served to customer 10 setting forth all products across all of the merchant 20 storefronts and through all transmitted product/service information stored in the

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database 70 for the plurality of products/services offered by the plurality of merchants 20 that are either COMPAQ WORKSTATIONS or are designed for use with COMPAQ WORKSTATIONS, such as mouses, adaptors, floor stands, etc.

The products are listed from the product/service with the lowest price to the product/service with the highest price. Each product/service listing includes a merchant's part number, whether or not quantity-based discounts on the price are offered, a more specific description of the product/service, the manufacturer's part number for each product, and the weight of each product.

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Customer 10 will then compare the retrieved product/service information from the search request and select one of the products/services. As shown in step 282, the customer 10 may click on the "Buy" button for a particular product/service if customer 10 wishes to purchase such product/service and it will be put into a "shopping cart" similar to that shown in FIG. 17. The shopping cart saves each product the customer 10 wishes to purchase until such time as customer 10 is ready to "checkout" before exiting the mall 60. In this manner, the customer 10 may make multiple purchases from multiple merchants 20 in a single checkout.

In step 283, customer 10 could alternatively perform a search by Product category instead of by Manufacturer, as shown in FIG 2C. Customer 10 will click on the "DEPARTMENTS" button, shown in FIG. 3. Web pages similar to those shown in FIGS. 18-24 would be served to the customer 10's browser.

After customer 10 selects a particular Product category, in step 284, web pages

having detailed product informational listings similar to those in FIGS. 11-16 would be served to the customer 10's browser, at which point, in step 285, customer 10 could again select a specific product desired for purchase by clicking on a specific product listing and the selected product will be saved to the shopping cart.

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In step 286, as shown in FIG. 2D, if customer 10 instead wanted to perform a more powerful search request which utilizes multiple filters at once instead of using a single search parameter at a time and performing multiple search requests as detailed above, customer 10 could click on the "POWER SEARCH" button. A web page such as that shown in FIG. 25 would be served to the customer 10's browser. From the POWER SEARCH web page, in step 287, customer 10 could then input and transmit a search request having more than one search parameter from any of a combination of search parameters including manufacturer, product description, part number, specific attribute name or value, price, and/or department search parameters. Web pages including a detailed product listing for each of a plurality of products meeting the search parameters would then be served to customer 10's browser. An example of a "POWER SEARCH" search request is shown in FIGS. 26-32. There, the POWER SEARCH requested all COMPAQ WORKSTATION products in all categories and subcategories. At step 288, if customer 10 wishes to have more detailed information about a particular product on the listing, in step 289, customer 10 may click on the "P" (Product Info) button beside that product.

The database search engine retrieves the more detailed information and the customer 10's browser will serve web pages similar to those in FIG 10. These web pages provide customer 10 with more detailed specifications for the particular product, in this case, information such as operating system supported, minimum system Random Access Memory (RAM) required and other equipment required for use of the particular product. Additionally, system 100 can provide hyperlinks from each particular product back to the particular product manufacturer's web site for more detailed information.

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If customer 10 did not seek the more detailed product information about the particular product at step 288 then, in step 290, customer 10 may seek information on the current inventory status for the particular product. In order to do so, in step 291, customer 10 clicks on the "I" button beside the particular product, and the database search engine searches for current inventory information for the particular product from each of the plurality of distributors using system 100. Web pages similar to those shown in FIGS. 36 and 37 listing such inventory information will be served to customer 10's browser.

In step 292, if customer 10 desires to find a plurality of products which are comparable to the particular product on the product listing then, in step 293, customer 10 could instead click on the "Q" button next to the particular product listed in the product listing and obtain information about different products comparable to the particular product in the same category hierarchy that are priced within 25% of the price of the particular product. Illustrative web pages

are shown in FIGS. 33-35. At any point following any of steps 289, 291, 292 or 293, customer 10 may click on the "Buy" button in step 295 after selecting a product he/she wishes to purchase and the selected product will be saved to the shopping cart until customer 10 is ready to checkout of mall 60.

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In step 296, customer 10 can alternatively perform a search for desired services instead of products by clicking on the "SERVICES" button. For example, if customer 10 needed services in the information technology area, a web page such as that in FIG. 38 is served to customer 10's browser. Then, in step 297, customer 10 may select from a plurality of different labor categories for services such as software developers, network engineers, training specialists, etc. The labor categories web page of FIG. 38 also shows the applicable hourly billing rate for each of the plurality of labor categories. From this web page, in step 298, customer 10 may download the service provider merchant 20's standard service contract from the system 100 server to customer 10's server, input the required information into the contract form in step 299, and then, in step 300, submit the completed form contract to the service provider merchant 20 via an email attachment transmitted over the Internet 5 to the service provider merchant 20's server.

After customer 10 has compared the retrieved information about the desired product/service from among the plurality of products/services offered for sale by each of the plurality of merchants 20 and has selected one or more of such products/services for potential purchase (the selected one or more

products/services being saved in the SHOPPING CART), in step 400, customer 10 transmits a purchase order request from the browser of customer 10's server to the host server of the system 100 via the Internet 5 if customer 10 decides to purchase one or more of the selected products/services saved in the SHOPPING CART. To do this, customer 10 performs a checkout. Customer 10 clicks on the "CHECKOUT" button from any web page to link to a CHECKOUT web page. For example, there is a "CHECKOUT" button at the SHOPPING CART web page as shown in FIG. 17. There is also a CHECKOUT button at the home page of the system 100 web site, as shown in FIG. 3. There are CHECKOUT buttons at various additional locations as shown in FIGS. 4, 5, 10, 18, 25, 26, 33, 36 and 38. Web pages for an HTML Purchase Order form similar to the ones shown in FIGS. 39-41 are then served to customer 10's browser. Then, the customer 10 must input the required information on the Purchase Order form including the shipping address for each product ordered (system 100 has the capability to enable shipping to multiple locations), the billing address, the desired method for shipment (e.g., ground, overnight, twoday), and the method of payment (e.g., credit card, cash, financing).

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If a customer 10 wishes to use a credit card for the purchase in step 400, system 100 supports MOSET-based IMPAC credit card transactions, merchant-originated secure electronic transactions (SET) protocol via use of an IBM payment server, or SET wallet transactions where the customer 10 has a pre-approved SET wallet. Additionally, system 100 supports the IntraGovernmental

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Transfer System (IGOTS) which makes use of the U.S. Treasury's Plastic Card Network (PCN) agreement and the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) SmartPay contract to process intragovernmental credit cards for any intragovernmental transactions. These transaction protocols require that a customer 10 have a secure Internet browser which supports encryption by means of the secure socket layer (SSL) security protocol such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer™ or Netscape's Navigator™. System 100 also makes use of a common trusted third-party electronic commerce certification authority (CA), such as VeriSign or Entrust. A CA is used for authentication of the identity of parties to a transaction, validation of a transaction and to repudiate a party's authority to transact. The customer 10 will need to apply to the CA for a certificate. The customer 10's certificate will contain a public encryption key for the customer 10's use and a private encryption key of the CA. When customer 10 transmits the Purchase Order request form in step 400, the transmission also includes the customer 10's certificate. System 100's host server will route the transmitted encrypted Purchase Order request form and the customer 10's certificate to the server for the appropriate merchant 20 with an encrypted transaction message which includes customer 10's payment. The merchant 20 transmits the customer 10's encrypted transaction message to the issuing CA and the CA decrypts the customer 10's message with payment information. The customer 10's transaction message is then reformatted by the CA according to traditional credit-card message formats and the CA

transmits the customer 10's transaction message to a financial institution that issued the customer 10's credit card via the financial institution's credit card network. The financial institution then determines whether or not to approve the customer 10's transaction and transmits an approval or denial code to the merchant 20's server.

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If customer 10 instead wishes to apply for financing to fund the purchase in step 400, customer 10 will submit a credit application request to the system 100 host server. System 100's host server will serve a credit application form to the customer 10's browser. Customer 10 must then input the required information into the credit application form and may then submit it via an email attachment transmitted over the Internet 5 to the host server for system 100. The host server for system 100 routes the completed credit application to one or more of a plurality of financing sources, e.g., banks. If customer 10's credit application is approved, customer 10's Purchase Order request may then be processed.

Once customer 10's Purchase Order request is submitted for processing, as illustrated in FIG. 42, in step 410, the host server of system 100 may transmit an inventory status request to one or more of the plurality of distributors 40 in order to verify the availability of each product/service ordered by customer 10. If a product/service is verified as available then, in step 420, the Purchase Order request submitted by customer 10 is parsed by system 100 into separate purchase order requests for each merchant 20 for each

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product/service ordered. System 100 then transmits a notification of the Purchase Order request to each of the merchants 20 for each of the selected one or more products or services ordered by customer 10. In step 430, system 100 also saves the data included in each Purchase Order request in a Purchase Order database 71 (shown in FIG. 1) for use in tracking the status of each Purchase Order request. For this purpose, system 100 assigns a unique Purchase Order request tracking number or id to each Purchase Order request. If a specific merchant 20 accepts a transmitted Purchase Order request, then, in step 440, the merchant 20 may transmit information to customer 10 via email confirming the acceptance of the Purchase Order request and an anticipated shipment/delivery date or may simply ship the ordered product to customer 10 as an alternative means for acceptance of the Purchase Order request. In step 450, the customer 10 receives the shipment from the merchant 20. Then, in step 460, the customer 10 notifies system 100 of the receipt of the shipment so that the Purchase Order status information saved in the Purchase Order database 71 may be updated. In step 470, the merchant 20 may transmit an invoice for payment to customer 10 via email over the Internet 5 to the customer 10's server if customer 10 did not previously provide payment via credit card when the Purchase Order request was initially transmitted. In response to the transmitted invoice, customer 10 may transmit payment to merchant 20. Since status information concerning the Purchase Order request is transmitted to the Purchase Order database 71 at various stages in this process,

customer 10 may 1) transmit an email query to the host server of system 100 at any time during this process (see FIG. 3) and receive a return email communication from the host server of system 100 which communicates information concerning the current status of the Purchase Order request or 2) check on the status of the Purchase Order request via accessing a specific web reporting page on system 100 accessible via hypertext transfer protocol (http) request. The Purchase Order database 71 may also be linked to servers of various shippers, such as the United Parcel Service, Federal Express and the United States Postal Service via the Internet 5. Since each of these shippers has its own shipment tracking number system, the shippers' tracking numbers for shipments can be correlated to the system 100 unique Purchase Order id for more complete tracking of the status of any particular Purchase Order request.

If a product/service ordered by customer 10 is unavailable at the time customer 10 transmits the Purchase Order request, the host server of system 100 will transmit an email message to customer 10's server via the Internet 5 notifying customer 10 that the product/service is unavailable and that customer 10's Purchase Order request will be placed on backorder status. Once the backordered product/service becomes available, the host server of system 100 transmits an email notification of the product's availability and a query to customer 10's server via the Internet 5 asking whether or not customer 10 still wishes to purchase the backordered product/service.

If the customer 10 is dissatisfied with a product once it is received, customer 10 may submit a return form via email to the host server of system 100 seeking to return the product to the merchant from which the product was purchased. An HTML format return form for this purpose can be downloaded to the customer 10's server from the system 100 home page (see FIG. 3).

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System 100 has additional features beyond the selection and procurement processes described above. For example, because each registered customer 10 has a unique login id, system 100 may generate Monthly Purchasing Information Reports in HTML format for each registered customer 10. These Monthly Purchasing Information Reports can include information such as a summary of all products/services ordered for each registered customer 10, a listing of each merchant 20 from which customer 10 ordered each product/service with the dollar value of each of such orders, a listing of each product/service on backorder status, a listing of each destination to which each ordered product/service was delivered, a total dollar value budgeted for each product/service on backorder status and other similar types of information. Additional electronic reporting data which system 100 may provide to interested users of system 100 includes various web site metrics such as the number of hits for (or accesses of) each storefront for each merchant 20 in the mall 60, the areas browsed within the mall 60 by each customer 10, the retrieved information for each customer 10, a number of purchase order requests transmitted by each customer 10, and other similar information. This electronic

reporting data can provide a unique customer 10 reference number for each customer 10 shopping in the mall 60, a logon timestamp for each shopping session for each customer 10, the IP address of each customer 10 server, a server host name for each customer 10 server, a query string showing the queries executed by each customer 10 in a shopping session, a referrer URL if a customer 10 accessing the mall 60 has accessed the mall 60 via a hyperlink from another website, a log of all errors a customer 10 experienced when processing a HTTP search request, a number of times each product category was accessed by a particular customer 10 or by a plurality of customers 10, and other similar types of web site metrics. Merchants 20 may make use of such web site metrics to redirect their marketing and promotional activities towards specific customers 10 or towards particular products.

As shown in FIG. 1, System 100 also includes a web-based Interactive Past Performance Reporting (IPPR) application and database 75 wherein the users of system 100 may rate their trading partners' performance in the execution of particular tasks (i.e., customers 10 may rate the performance of merchants 20 and vice versa). System 100 allows this information to be submitted online by a user via a standard HTML format text editor. Each authorized user of system 100 may access the IPPR application 75 by inputting a password. The IPPR database 75 includes a series of standardized performance report forms in HTML format and, once a user is granted access to the IPPR database 75, the user may download a particular form specific to the

performance function being rated. The user then inputs the requested information into the form and submits it to the IPPR database 75 via email transmission over the Internet 5 to the host server of system 100 which then routes the submitted form to the IPPR database 75 for storage therein. In this manner, if the same user later accesses the IPPR database 75 and seeks information about a particular trading partner and the user's past experiences with such trading partner, the user may retrieve that information. Additionally, other users of system 100 may grant the user authority to access the other users' submitted forms stored in the IPPR database 75 regarding such trading partner. The user may also submit updates and modifications to past submitted forms to the IPPR database 75 if the performance of the rated trading partner changes over time.

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As shown in FIG. 1, an additional feature of system 100 is that it includes a Solicited Electronic Quotations (SEQ) application and database 80 whereby a customer 10 may solicit quotations for the supply of a desired product/service electronically over the system 100 seeking responses from each of a plurality of interested merchants 20 that desires to respond to the electronic solicitation.

This SEQ feature is accomplished through use of a typical Electronic Posting System (EPS) for posting and downloading HTML documents from an Internet web site.

The process for submission and processing of such SEQs is illustrated in FIG. 43. As shown, in step 510, a customer 10 receives access authorization

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for the SEQ database 80 by inputting a unique password. Once the customer 10 receives access authorization, in step 520, customer 10 uploads to the SEQ database 80 a SEQ document which includes specific format requirements for responses to the SEQ, the customer 10's Point-of-Contact (POC) information so that an interested merchant 20 may submit a response to the SEQ to the appropriate person, and the customer 10's Statement of Work (SOW) or other document detailing the customer 10's desired product/service needs. Customer 10 may also input information for use by system 100 to create an "Autoforward by Rule" email rule to forward a copy of an email to predefined email addresses specified by customer 10 for each merchant 20 to whom customer 10 wishes to submit its SEQs from among the plurality of merchants 20. In step 530, the email message from customer 10 may then be autoforwarded to customer 10's designated recipient merchants 20 to inform such merchants 20 that customer 10's SEQ has been uploaded to the SEQ database 80. In step 540, system 100 may generate a listing and transmit it via email to customer 10 showing all merchants 20 to whom customer 10's email SEQ notification was transmitted. In step 550, an interested merchant 20 may access the SEQ database 80, read online and/or download the customer 10's SEQ document to the interested merchant 20's server for further analysis and/or response. In step 560, the interested merchant 20 may prepare and submit a responsive quotation directly to the customer 10's posted POC via email/fax/mail as the customer 10 instructed in the submitted SEQ. In step 570, the customer 10 may make a

selection of a single responsive quotation from analysis of all responsive quotations received for each interested merchant 20 and/or conduct further negotiations with particular interested merchants 20. In order to assist a customer 10 in making a selection of a single responsive quotation from among multiple responsive quotations submitted by the plurality of interested merchants 20, customer 10 may access the IPPR database 75 and obtain information concerning performance ratings for particular interested merchants 20. In step 580, the customer 10 selects a single responsive quotation of a single interested merchant 20 from among all of the responsive quotations submitted by the plurality of interested merchants 20 and may then post a contract award announcement to the SEQ database 80. The contract award announcement may then be auto-forwarded by email to the customer 10's designated recipient merchants 20.

As an added functional feature, a customer IO's auto-forward rule may filter from among the plurality of designated merchants 20 to whom to forward email communications by further specifying that such email communications be sent only to those designated merchants 20 that fall within some pre-established parameters, such as price, SIC code, geographic region or other similar parameter. System 100 may then perform an evaluation by searching across all storefronts in the mall 60 for all designated merchants 20 that meet the parameters (i.e., qualified merchants 20). The system 100 could then transmit a listing to the customer 10's server showing qualified merchants 20 with pricing

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from the lowest priced to the highest priced, or with IPPR rankings from the best to the worst, or other similar listings depending upon the parameters specified by the customer 10. In this manner, customer 10 may narrow the universe of merchants 20 responding to an SEQ thereby narrowing the number of interested merchants 20 with whom customer 10 may engage in further negotiations for a particular transaction.

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As shown in FIG. 1, system 100 may also be configured in a manner such that the catalog database 70 and virtual mall 60 interface and interconnect to an accounting application 86, such as the one offered by Deltek, or other similar accounting application. In this manner, system 100 may be used by a merchant 20 or a customer 10 to perform all of such merchant 20's or customer 10's back-office accounting necessary to support merchant 20's or customer 10's business operations. Data relating to sales made by such merchant 20 via its storefront on the system 100 mall 60 may be transmitted directly to the accounting application 86. Accounting application 86 may then be used by merchant 20 to generate invoices, track receipts and payables and for other traditional accounting functions. In a similar manner, customer 10 may outsource its accounting functions to system 100 and accounting application 86. Merchant 20 and customer 10 may then realize cost savings due to this outsourcing of their accounting functions.

System 100 also includes interfaces to other applications needed by the users. For example, system 100 includes an extensible markup language (XML)

application or an electronic data interchange (EDI) application 87. Such applications may be desired for use by the users of system 100 in order to convert Purchase Order data which is transmitted in HTML format into another format such as EDI which may be in use in-house in a user's own computers.

Once the HTML-formatted Purchase Order data is converted to the format which is compatible to the user's in-house data format, it may be transmitted directly into the user's in-house computer system for further use. Users may realize cost savings from such an application because it can save time and resources which may otherwise be required to re-key data from an HTML-formatted Purchase Order into the data format required for use by the user's in-house computer system.

System 100 further includes a video teleconferencing application 88 for use by the users of system 100 for engaging in interactive real-time communication, and an online help facility 89 with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section to assist users with answers to questions concerning the use of system 100 and describing the features of system 100, an email link to an administrator for system 100 whereby users may submit email queries for response by the system 100 administrator if the user's queries are not answered in the FAQ section, for example. System 100 also includes a white-boarding application 90 whereby users of system 100 may collaborate online with other users in an interactive fashion. The white-boarding application 90 may include an online teleconferencing system such as the system marketed by Videogate,

wherein the parties participating in the online teleconference may make use of the white board to illustrate matters being discussed in such teleconference.

System 100 further includes system management and maintenance facilities 95.

The facilities 95 include network and application monitoring systems and support staff. The functions of facilities 95 include, for example, virus detection, eradication, removal and/or quarantine to filter all input to and output from system 100 to prevent viruses from infecting system 100. System 100 also includes an off-site archival storage facility which replicates data stored in databases and other features of system 100 in the event disaster recovery is necessary. System 100 may also include other similar maintenance and support

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facilities.

It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the system and method of the present invention without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention. Thus, it is intended that the present invention cover the modifications and variations of this invention provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An automated method for the selection and procurement of products and services by at least one of a plurality of customers from one or more of a plurality of merchants over a general purpose computer network, comprising the steps of:

- a. transmitting information about a plurality of products/services offered for sale by each one of the plurality of merchants via a merchant server to a database stored in a database server over said general purpose computer network;
- b. organizing the transmitted information for said plurality of products/services for each of said plurality of merchants into a hierarchical categorization in the database, said hierarchical categorization being based upon a predefined set of categories such that the transmitted information for said plurality of products/services is organized in the database in a similar manner for each of the plurality of merchants;
 - c. serving from the host server a web page having a predetermined URL identifying a location of said host server in response to a first access request transmitted by said one of said plurality of customers to the host server via a browser of a customer server for said one of saidrality of customers over the general purpose computer network;
 - d. transmitting a second access request and authorization information from the browser of said customer server of said one of said plurality of

customers to said host server over said general purpose computer network, said authorization information identifying a transaction and access approval level for said one of said plurality of customers;

e. verifying said authorization information and said transaction and access approval level and transmitting a verification notification from said host server to said browser of said customer server of said one of said plurality of customers via said general purpose computer network;

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- f. transmitting at least one search request from the browser of said customer server of said one of said plurality of customers to said database server, said at least one search request corresponding to one of said predefined set of categories for retrieving information from said database about a desired product/service from the transmitted information for each of the plurality of merchants;
- g. serving at least one of a plurality of web pages from said database

 server to said browser of said customer server of said one of said plurality of

 customers via said general purpose computer network in response to said at

 least one search request, said web pages corresponding to retrieved information

 from said database about said desired product/service for each of the plurality of

 merchants;
- 20 h. comparing the retrieved information about the desired product/service for each of the plurality of merchants and selecting one or more

of a plurality of products/services from the retrieved information about the desired product/service;

i. transmitting a purchase order request from said browser of said customer server of said one of said plurality of customers to said host server via the general purpose computer network if said one of said plurality of customers decides to purchase said one or more selected product/service;

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- j. transmitting a notification of said purchase order request from said host server to the server of the each of said plurality of merchants for each of said one or more selected product/service; and
- 10 k. transmitting an acceptance of said purchase order request from said server for each of said plurality of merchants for each of said one or more selected product/service to said browser of said customer server of said one of said plurality of customers via said general purpose computer network.
 - 2. The automated method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the predefined set of categories of said hierarchical categorization includes:
 - a. a manufacturer/supplier category, said manufacturer/supplier category for inputting data for identifying a manufacturer/supplier for each one of the plurality of products/services;
- a department category, said department category for inputting data
 for identifying a generic field for each one of said plurality of products/services;

c. a model number category, said model number category for inputting data for identifying a unique model number for each one of said plurality of products/services; and

- d. an attribute category, said attribute category for inputting data for
 identifying at least one feature for each one of said plurality of products/services.
 - 3. The automated method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of shipping the one or more selected product/service to said one of said plurality of customers following the step of transmitting the acceptance of the purchase order request.
 - 4. The automated method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

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- a. transmitting a counter-offer to said purchase order request from said server for one of said plurality of merchants for the one or more selected product/service to said browser of said customer server for said one of said plurality of customers via said general purpose computer network in response to said notification of said purchase order request; and
- b. transmitting an acceptance of said counteroffer from said browser of said customer server of said one of said plurality of customers to said server for the one of said plurality of merchants for the one or more selected product/service via said general purpose computer network.

5. An automated system for the selection and procurement of products and services by at least one of a plurality of customers from one or more of a plurality of merchants over a general purpose computer network, comprising:

- a. host server means, connected to said general purpose computer network, for transmitting information to and receiving information from said at least one customer and said plurality of merchants;
 - b. merchant server means for each of said plurality of merchants, said merchant server means being connected to said host server means via said general purpose computer network, for transmitting information to and receiving information from said host server means;

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- c. customer server means for said one customer, connected to said host server means via said general purpose computer network, for transmitting information and a plurality of search requests to and receiving information from said host server means; and
- d. database server means, connected to said host server means, for transmitting information to and receiving information from said host server means, said database server means including

product/service database storage means for receiving and storing
product/service information transmitted by each of said plurality of merchants
relating to a plurality of products/services offered for sale by each of said
plurality of merchants; and

database search engine means for servicing said plurality of search requests transmitted by said one customer via said customer server means over said general purpose computer network to said host server means and to said database server means, said plurality of search requests relating to a desired product/service information, and for retrieving said desired product/service information in response to said search requests, wherein said retrieved desired product/service information is from said transmitted product/service information of each of said plurality of merchants.

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- 6. The automated system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the transmitted product/service information of each of said plurality of merchants is stored in said product/service database storage means in a hierarchical categorization of a plurality of categories, said plurality of categories including:
 - a manufacturer/supplier category including information for identifying a manufacturer/supplier for each one of said products/services;
- b. a department category including information for identifying a generic field for each one of said products/services;
 - c. a model number category including information for identifying a unique model for each one of said plurality of said products/services; and
- d. an attribute category including information for identifying at least
 20 one feature for each one of said plurality of said products/services.
 - 7. The automated system as claimed in claim 5 further comprising solicited electronic quotation database means, connected to said host server

means, for receiving and storing information from said one customer relating to solicitations of quotations from said plurality of merchants.

8. The automated system as claimed in claim 5 further comprising:

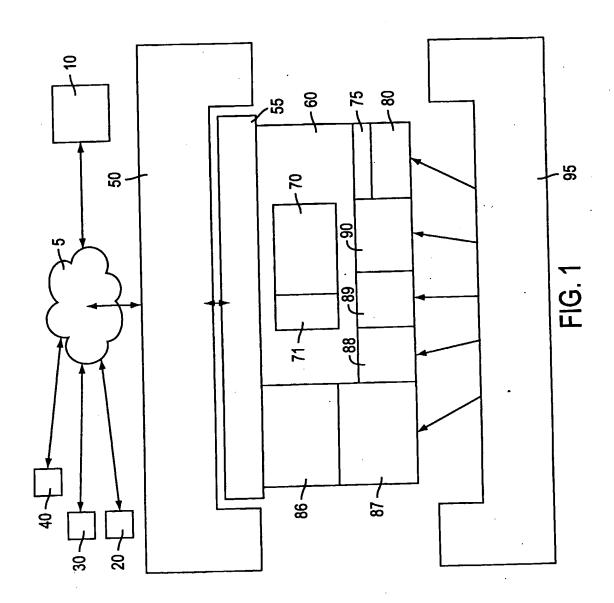
purchase order request means, connected to said host server means and
to said customer server means via said general purpose computer network, for
receiving information transmitted by said one customer relating to one or more
selected product/service from said retrieved desired product/service information
for purchase by said one customer and for generating a purchase order request
in response to the receipt of said selected product/service and for transmitting
said purchase order request to one of said plurality of merchants offering said
selected product/service for sale; and

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purchase order response means, connected to said merchant server means for said one merchant and to said host server means via said general purpose computer network, for receiving said transmitted purchase order request and for generating an acceptance of said purchase order request in response to said purchase order request.



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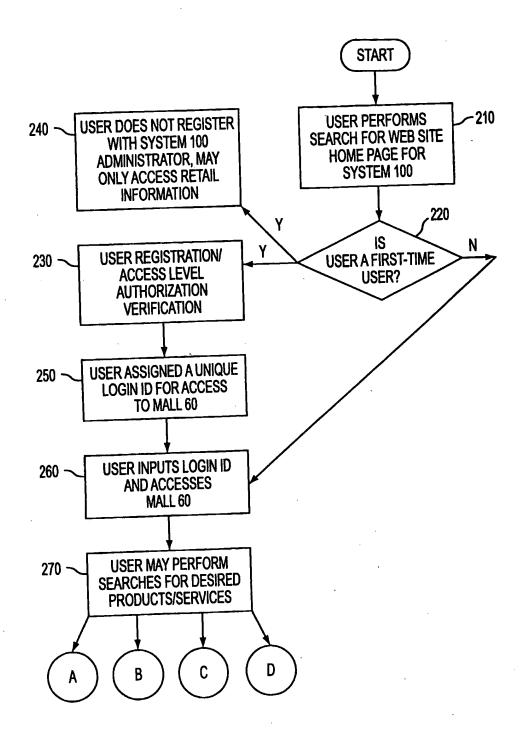


FIG. 2A

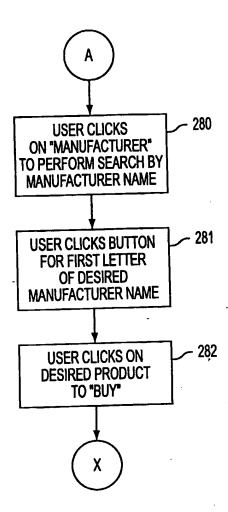


FIG. 2B

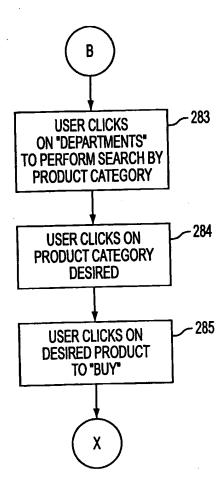


FIG. 2C

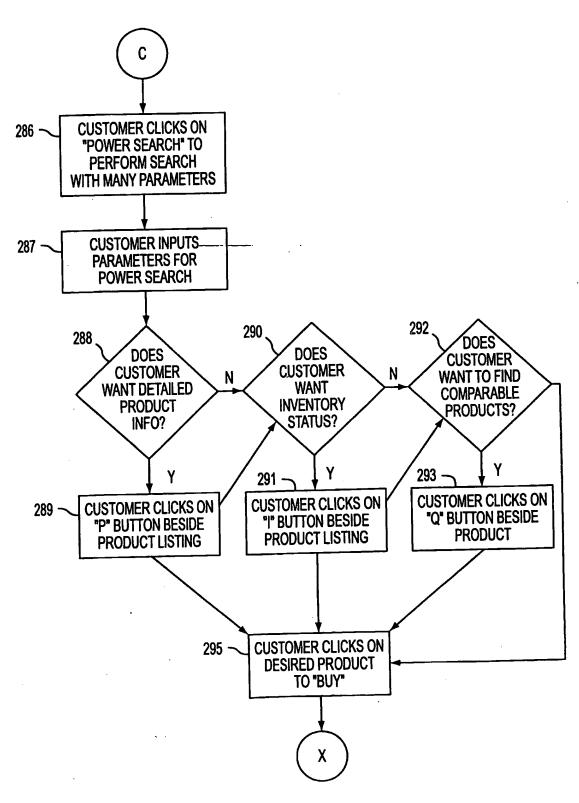


FIG. 2D

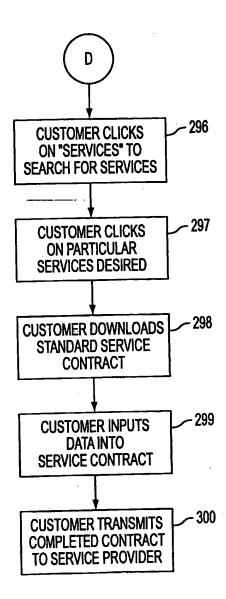
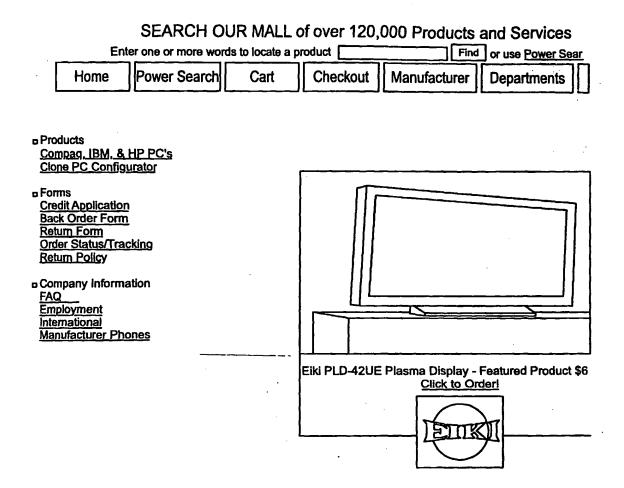


FIG. 2E



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FIG. 5

CALCOMP (DIGITIZERS)	COMPAQ - WORKSTATIONS
	COMPAQ - BUSINESS
CALLWARE TECHNOLOGIES	STORAGEWORKS
CAMBRIX PUBLISHING	COMPAQ ENTERPRISE
CAMBRIX FUBLISHING	STORAGE
CAMTECH C	COMPAQ GENICOM -
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CANON - S/W PUBLISHING	COMPEX
CANON - SECOND SOURCE	COMPSTAR HR SOLUTIONS
CANON - SUPPLIES	COMPUCABLE
CANON-3011 LIES	MANUFACTURING
CANON CAM	COMPUCABLE
	MANUFACTURING GROUP
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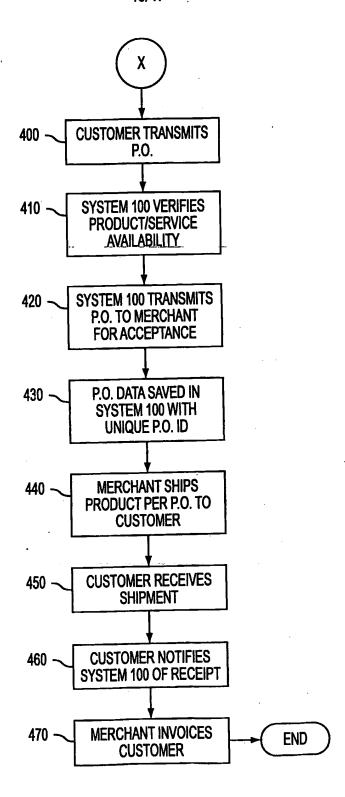


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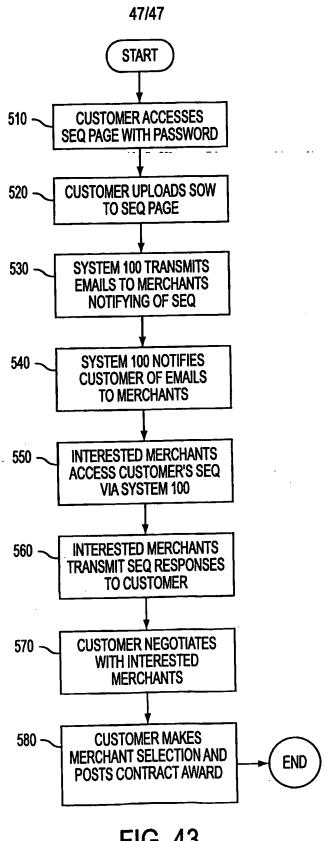


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